Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units

†8. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the six public sector Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units under VSNL have already become sick;

(b) if so, the names of such units alongwith the places they are located at;

(c) when these units were declared sick;

(d) the details of the capital investment made by Government in each unit as on March, 2009; and

(e) the future plan for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) VSNL (now known as Tata Communications Ltd.) does not have any public sector Telephone Instrument Manufacturing Industrial Units under it.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Waiting list of BSNL

†9. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) number of villages in Rajasthan not having telephone facility/connectivity;

(b) waiting list of applicants for various services, such as, mobile, WLL, Landline, etc. of BSNL;

(c) whether any time bound, district-wise programme has been made for providing the facility to the wait listed people;

(d) if so, by when the facility would be made available; and

(e) average time taken during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 for providing facility to the wait listed people by the BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, in the State of Rajasthan, out of total 39,753 inhabited villages as per census 2001, BSNL has covered 38,645 villages with Village Public Telephone facility as on 31.5.2009. Provisioning of telephone facility in the remaining villages has been planned as per the directives of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), Department of Telecom.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Waiting list of applicants for various services, such as mobile, WLL, landline etc. are as under:—

Landline	—	536
WLL	—	078
Mobile	—	Nil

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) By 31st March, 2010

(e) The parameter "average time taken the clear the waiting list" is not maintained by BSNL. The waiting lists were cleared as per availability of equipment.

Mobile telephone services in rural areas

10. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile telephone services have not been launched in many areas of Rajasthan, particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the reasons due to which Government has not provided this facility in such areas; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to provide this facility in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) All District Headquarters, Sub-Divisional Head Quarters, Tehsil, Headquarters and Block Headquarters have been covered with GSM based mobile services. The details indicating Secondary Switching Area (SSA)/district-wise number of total villages and number of villages covered with mobile services in the State of Rajasthan by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Bharti Hexacom, Reliance and Vodafone as on 31.05.2009 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The provision of mobile network, being capital intensive, is being done by BSNL and other service providers based on techno commercial viability of different areas. In addition, some areas, falling near International Border, are not covered with mobile services.

(d) The efforts made by the Government to provide Mobile Telephone services in rural areas during the current year as compared to previous year are given below:-

(i) To increase the wireless communication in rural areas, 403 Shareable Infrastructure Sites in Rajasthan for provision of mobile services in rural and remote areas, where there is no existing fixed wireless or mobile coverage, are being set up with subsidy support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has been launched. Out of